the personalization server interface are security services.

13. [Unchanged]   The computerized system of claim 10, wherein the services acquired by the personalization server interface are support services.

14. [Canceled]

27. [Amended]   A system for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising:

  a plurality of card objects identified by a like plurality of card object identifiers;

  a plurality of personalization stations for receiving the card object identifiers and for programming the portable programmed data carriers using information contained in the card object identified by the card object identifier, wherein the plurality of personalizations stations have at least two personalization station devices of differing type;

  a plurality of controllers, each one of the plurality of contollers [a controller] for providing [to each personalization station the] one of the plurality of card object [identifier] identifiers to one of the plurality of personalization stations; and

  a personalization server for controlling the programming of a portable programmed data carrier in response to a request from one of the personalization stations, wherein the personalization server translates the card object into commands and data and transfers the commands and data to the personalization stations making the request.

28. [Unchanged]   The system of claim 27, wherein the personalization server acquire services from one or more resources in response to a request from one of the personalization stations.

29. [Amended] A method of programming a portable programmed data carrier in a system having a server, [and] a personalization station[,] and a controller, the method comprising:

  receiving, by the personalization station, from a controller, a card object identifier;

  requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming the portable programmed data carriers; and

programming, by the personalization station, the portable programmed data carrier under the control of the server.

30. [Amended]   A method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers in a system having a server_ [and] a plurality of personalization stations[,] and a controller, the method comprising:

receiving, by the server, a card object from a card issuer management system, wherein the card object consists of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

receiving, by the personalization station, from a controller, a card object identifier;

requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming one of the portable programmed data carriers based on the card object identifier;

receiving, by the server, [a programming request] from one of the personalization stations, a programming request including the card object identifier for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; [and]

associating, by the server, the card object identifier in the programming request with the card object for the portable programmed data carrier being personalized; and

utilizing, by the server, the card object to control the personalization station as the personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

31. [Unchanged]   The method of claim 30, further comprising acquiring data by the server from a data source.

32. [Unchanged]   The method of claim 31, wherein the data source is the card issuer management system.

33. [Unchanged]   The method of claim 30, further comprising acquiring security services by the server from a security source.

34. [Unchanged]   The method of claim 30, further comprising providing support services by the server.

35. [Canceled]